
Data Guide

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Introduction

France Address Data Information

FRA Address Dataset

Dataset Code:	FRA
Approximate Data Size:	160MB
Data Source:	La Poste
Update Frequency:	Bi-monthly
Expiry:	The data release dates are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• February• April• June• August• October• December

Data files expire approximately 13 months after the release date.

Ensure every data update is applied promptly, otherwise the data may expire and the product will become unusable.

About This Data

This chapter provides detailed information about the FRA dataset.

Area Covered

The FRA dataset covers, to street level, mainland France and Corsica, and all overseas territories under French administration.

Address Elements

The following address elements are stored within the FRA data files.

Address Element	Example	Input and Output Element Code
Company name*	Banque de France	O11
Department name*	Accounts Department	O21
PO Box type	BP 12	B11
PO Box type	CE 12	B12
PO Box type	CP 12	B13
PO Box type	LP 12	B14
PO Box type	CS 12	B15
Additional geographic data*	Centre Commercial	L41
Number*	16	P11
Street name	rue du General de Gaulle	S11

Address Element	Example	Input and Output Element Code
Locality*	Cesseins	L31
Postcode	17306	C11
Town / CEDEX office	Rochefort CEDEX	L21
Département	Charente Maritime	L11
INSEE code	17299	C12
Country	France	X11
Three character ISO country code	FRA	X12
Two character ISO country code	FR	X13

* *Denotes elements that only occur in CEDEX addresses*

NOTES:

- *An INSEE code is a five character alpha-numeric code that identifies a locality. The first two characters are the département (province) code.*
- *The département and INSEE codes are usually omitted from addresses, and will only be returned if you specifically include them in your address layout.*
- *There are five 'special service' (PO Box) types in France: BP (Boîte Postale), CE, CP, LP and CS.*

Address Element Definitions

Abbreviations

All elements are returned in their full form as supplied to QAS. For unusually long street names, the street name and/or street type may have been abbreviated by La Poste. Additionally, in single line searching, common street type abbreviations are recognised and matched automatically.

Diacritics

France data is supplied to QAS in upper case and without punctuation. This means that there are no diacritic characters (such as accents) present in the France data. However, specifying accents and common punctuation marks in your searches will not prevent matches being made to your addresses.

Postal code Structure

A French postal code is a five digit code, identifying a specific postal delivery office. The first two digits identify the département (province) of the country, and the last three digits identify the office within that département. Depending on the population size, a postal code may cover many towns or part of a large city.

Recipients of large volumes of mail have special CEDEX (Courrier d'Entreprise à Distribution Exceptionnelle) postal codes. CEDEX postal codes are followed by the CEDEX office name, and sometimes by a two digit arrondissement number. For example:

Postal code: 75014

CEDEX postal code: 75378 PARIS CEDEX 08

Some CEDEX office names include a single-digit number instead (e.g. TOULOUSE CEDEX 3); this represents a subdivision of the CEDEX office.

Default Address Format

Residential addresses commonly consist of two lines: the first contains the building number and street name, and the second contains the postal code and the town name.

For example:

4 chemin du Moulin
64160 ABERE

In the default address format for FRA address data, the name of the town is in upper case, with the street type (e.g. 'avenue') in lower case, and the remainder in mixed case.

CEDEX organisation addresses consist of six lines. The first three contain the company name, company department and any additional geographic data (for example, an industrial estate name) respectively. Line four contains the property and street information as for residential addresses. The fifth line contains any PO box information, followed by an additional locality, where this is different from the CEDEX office name. The last line of the address contains the postal code and the CEDEX office name.

For example:

Fontrier Paul

la Montaz

2208 route de Chambéry

BP 1, Gilly sur Isère

73205 ALBERTVILLE CEDEX

Using This Data

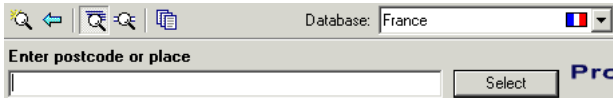
This chapter provides search tips and other product-specific information when using QuickAddress Pro, QuickAddress Pro Web, or QuickAddress Batch.

NOTE:

These searches are accurate at the time of data release. However, search results may differ depending on the data release you are using.

With QuickAddress Pro

Search Examples: Typedown

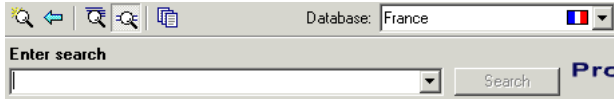


The following table provides a list of these example search types:

- Full address known
- Postal code not known
- PO Box number known
- Company name known.

Search type	Example
Full address known	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enter the postal code, 34070, and press Enter. 2. Enter the first few letters of the street, pont t, and press Enter. In this example pont t is enough to uniquely identify avenue du Pont Trinquat. 3. Enter the building details as prompted, 28, and press Enter. 4. The correct address is returned: 28 avenue du Pont Trinquat 34070 MONTPELLIER
Postal code not known	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enter the location, villers les nancy, and press Enter. 2. Enter the street name, granges, and press Enter. 3. Enter the building details as prompted, 64, and press Enter. 4. The correct address is returned: 64 rue des Granges 54600 VILLERS LES NANCY
PO box number known	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enter the location, paris, and press Enter. 2. Enter the PO Box type, BP, and press Enter. 3. Enter the PO Box number, 685, and press Enter. 4. The correct address is returned: Union de Banques a Paris 22 place de la Madeleine BP 685 75367 PARIS CEDEX 08
Company name known	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enter the place name, Paris, and press Enter. 2. Enter the company name, Renault France, and press Enter. 3. The correct address is returned: Renault France Automobile 23 boulevard de Courcelles BP 379 75365 PARIS CEDEX 08

Search Examples: Single Line



The FRA dataset contains limited premises-level information. Building numbers should not be included in Single Line searches. To return a complete address, including premises information, you should first search without the building number, for example: **bonnet,34820**. Enter the building number, organisation or PO Box afterwards, as prompted, and press **Enter** or click **Select** for the final address to be displayed.

NOTE:

Many organisation addresses do include premises-level information. For these addresses, premises information can be used in the search term.

The following table provides a list of these example search types:

- Full address known
- Postal code not known
- Only street name known
- Character missing from address
- Address contains spelling mistake
- Incomplete address element (partial)
- Incomplete address element (tagged)
- All organisation types in location

Search type	Explanation
Full address known	Enter the street name and the postal code, separated by a comma. You do not need to include street descriptors such as 'rue de': rivoli,75001 You will be prompted for the building number, and then the correct address will be returned: 63 rue de Rivoli 75001 PARIS

Search type	Explanation
Postal code not known	<p>If the postal code is not known, enter the street name followed by the locality:</p> <p>cronstadt,lille</p> <p>Enter the building number and the correct address will be returned:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">14 rue de Cronstadt 59000 LILLE</p>
Only street name known	<p>If the street name only is known, entering it will return a picklist from which the correct one can be selected. As picklists may be large, it is advisable to include street descriptors in this type of search.</p> <p>Enter retrait to view a list of every street with 'retrait' in the name.</p>
Character missing from address	<p>If a character is missing from the address the unknown character can be replaced with a question mark.</p> <p>Enter place campe?raut,bordeaux and the correct address is returned once the building name or number is entered:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">2 place Campeyrat 33000 BORDEAUX</p>
Address contains spelling mistake	<p>Entering an address that contains one or more spelling errors can often still return the correct address.</p> <p>Entering goribaldi,toulouse will still return the correct street name:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">rue Garibaldi 31500 TOULOUSE</p>

Search type	Explanation
Incomplete address element (partial)	<p>If you only have partial address information, you can replace the remainder of an address element with an asterisk.</p> <p>Entering anpe,boulevard gabriel* will still return the correct address:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Anpe 36 boulevard Gabriel Koenigs BP 33105 31026 TOULOUSE CEDEX 3</p>
Incomplete address element (tagged)	<p>Sometimes it is helpful to tag a part of the search string to let Pro know which part of the address it is. For a list of available search constraints, see “Search Constraints” below.</p> <p>Searching on lille@s tells Pro to display a picklist of streets that contain the word “lille”.</p>
All organisation types in location	<p>Enter banque*,nice to view a list of all the banks in Nice that are contained in the FRA address data.</p>

Search Constraints

The following search constraints can be used to restrict search scope when using the Single Line search engine in Pro or Batch Interactive.

Constraint	Elements Restricted to	Example Search
@C, @D	Département	paris@d
@L	Town, locality, additional geographic data	lagarde@l
@O	Company name and department	paris*@o
@S	Street name	lille@s

With QuickAddress Pro Web

Scenarios

The following table indicates the latest Pro Web version number and search engine for each Pro Web scenario that supports FRA address data, and includes a link to relevant search examples.

Scenario	Latest Pro Web version	Search engine	For search examples, see:
Address Capture on the Intranet	4.6	Single Line hierarchical	Pro Single Line search examples on page 9.
Address Capture on the Web	4.6	Single Line flattened	Pro Single Line search examples on page 9.
Address Capture	5.20	Single Line flattened	Pro Single Line search examples on page 9.
Address Verification	5.20	Verification	Verification search examples on page 13.
Single Line	5.20	Single Line hierarchical	Pro Single Line search examples on page 9.
Standard	5.20	Typedown Single Line hierarchical	Pro Typedown examples on page 7 and Single Line search examples on page 9.
ActiveX Control	5.20	Typedown Single Line hierarchical	Pro Typedown examples on page 7 and Single Line search examples on page 9.

Search Examples: Verification

Users of QuickAddress Pro Web can use address verification functionality to verify a customer's address once they have typed it in full into a web form.

Note that the FRA dataset contains limited premises-level information. Building names or numbers can be passed through the Verification engine, but will not be checked if premises-level information is not available.

The following table provides a list of example searches and the Verify level they return.

Verify level	Example
Verified	avenue Junot 75018 PARIS France This search brings back a verified address with the verify level of "Verified".
Multiple	Andre Breton PARIS France This search shows what is returned if the user attempts to verify an address without knowing the full street name. The search brings back a verify level of "Multiple" and offers a picklist of possible addresses.
None	Missing Street Unknown Town France This search brings back a verify level of "None" as the address does not exist in the data.

Verify level	Example
PremisesPartial	<p data-bbox="454 137 740 272">10 impasse Andre Marestan 31047 TOULOUSE CEDEX 1 France</p> <p data-bbox="454 300 964 379">This search brings back a verify level of “PremisesPartial” as there is more than one company at the address.</p> <p data-bbox="454 403 953 453">Note that premises information is only available for organisations in the FRA dataset.</p>
InteractionRequired	<p data-bbox="454 483 617 619">rue de Rennard 75004 PARIS France</p> <p data-bbox="454 643 953 753">This search brings back a verify level of “InteractionRequired” because the street name was not correct and, although there was only one match, the address requires verification from the user.</p>

For more information about the Verification engine, refer to the Address Verification section of the *QuickAddress Pro Web Integration Guide*.

With QuickAddress Batch

NOTE:

*If you are using Batch to clean your database against more than one dataset, DataPlus information **cannot** be configured.*

This section details the information relevant to using Batch with FRA data.

Country-Specific Input Fields

When configuring a Batch session, it is possible to attach a country-specific item to an input field. This can speed up the cleaning process as Batch does not have to work out which address element is contained within a field. The country-specific items that can be attached to an input field are shown in the following tables:

Item	Field Contains
Company	Company name
Street line/PO box	Premises, street or PO box types
Street line	Street, premises
Premises only	Premises
PO Box	PO Box types
Postcode/Place	Additional geographic data, postal code, locality, town or département
Postcode	Postal code
Place	Additional geographic data, locality, town or département
Country	Country name or ISO code

Available Country-Specific Menu Items

The country-specific items available from the Advanced sub-menu are:

Item	Field Contains
Company name	Company name
Department	Department
Premises	Premises number
Street	Street
PO Box	PO box types
Locality	Locality
Postcode	Postal code
Département	Département (province)
Town	Town
Country	Country name or ISO code

The address items on the Advanced sub-menu can be input in any combination. For example, it is possible to attach the street and the town to the same field. This is not possible from the main Select Input Fields menu. For instructions on how to configure country-specific input fields, refer to the documentation that accompanies your copy of Batch.

Search Examples: Batch Interactive

For information about the best methods for searching on FRA addresses using Batch Interactive please refer to Single Line search examples on page 9 and Typedown search examples on page 7.